

What is claimed is:

1 1 (currently amended). An installation device for plumbing elements,
2 comprising:

3 a flush-mounting box that has an open front having an edge, **the flush-**
4 **mounting box having** ~~and~~ side walls **extending from the edge to a base,**
5 **wherein protruding eyes extend from the side walls adjacent to the base**
6 **for affixing the flush-mounting box at the base,** the mounting box having
7 **fittings** ~~means~~ for installing plumbing elements within the flush-mounting box,
8 **said fittings including apertures in the side walls,**

9 a flange on an outside of the box, and

10 plural means on the box for fastening the flange to the box at a
11 selectably variable distance back from the edge.

1 2 (previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1,
2 wherein the flange comprises a solid ring.

1 3 (previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1,
2 comprising a plurality of structures spaced back from edge at the open front
3 and on outer surfaces of the side walls, wherein the flange is set to said
4 distance by fastening to a selected one of the structures.

1 4 (Original). An installation device according to claim 1, wherein the
2 flange is fastened directly to the flush-mounting box.

5 (Canceled).

6 (Canceled).

1 7(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 3,
2 wherein the outer surfaces of the side walls and an inner surface of the flange
3 engage at one of plural ribs spaced back from the edge and having 0° pitch
4 angles.

1 8(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 7,
2 wherein the ribs are interrupted at at least one location on their circumference
3 down to at least a root of the ribs.

1 9(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1 ,
2 wherein the means on the box comprise ribs that are interrupted at at least
3 one location on their circumference down to at least the root of the ribs.

1 10(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1 ,
2 wherein a joint between the flush-mounting box and the flange comprises at
3 least one bayonet joint.

11(Canceled).

1 12(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1 ,
2 wherein the flange is fastenable to the flush-mounting box from the open front
3 of the flush-mounting box.

13(Canceled).

14(Canceled).

1 15(previously presented). An installation device according to claim 1,
2 wherein the flange is latchable into position on the flush-mounting box.

1 16(currently amended). An installation device **according to claim 1,**
2 ~~for plumbing elements, comprising: a flush-mounting box that has an~~
3 ~~open front having an edge and side walls, the mounting box being configured~~
4 ~~to receive plumbing elements within the flush-mounting box,~~
5 **wherein the plural means on the box for fastening the flange to the**
6 **box comprise** a plurality of grooves on an outside of the side walls box
7 spaced back at different distances from the edge of the open front of the box;
8 a ~~the~~ flange ~~is~~ fastenable on ~~the~~ an outside of the box ~~by~~ ~~the flange~~
9 having inward protrusions **on the flange** that engage with a selected one of
10 the grooves for selectably setting a distance of the flange back from the edge.

1 17(currently amended). The installation **device** ~~box~~ of claim 16,
2 wherein the grooves are located at tangential surfaces protruding radially on
3 the outside of the box, between which surfaces are gaps along which the
4 inward protrusions of the flange are movable back from the edge, wherein the
5 inward protrusions of the flange are engaged in a selected one of the grooves
6 by rotation of the flange relative to the box.

1 18(currently amended). The installation **device** ~~box~~ of claim 17,
2 wherein the grooves end in broadened sections that receive the protrusions of
3 the flanges.

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